

Spaceport 99s

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Our Mission --The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

Summer 2020

End of the year Wrap UP

The June meeting and installation of officers has been postponed until August 8th. Location will be determined at a later date.

Welcome to our members who have joined the Spaceport Chapter during the past fiscal year:

Sharon Dhillon	BeBe Owen
Marcelaine Lewis	Karen Schrader
Jessica Mumfrey	Antoinette Stevenson
Judi Oswald	Yuko Query

October 5: Girls in Aviation Day at FIT Aviation, Melbourne – This was a fun time for us to meet young girls and tell them about the fun of flying.

November: The Spaceport Chapter met in the hangar of Pat Ohlsson to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the 99s and to honor long time 99s in our area. What better location than a hangar with a J3 Cub in it for such a meeting?

Our honorees were:

Kay Hildebrandt, WASP, 99 for 74 years, member of New Jersey Chapter
Mary Creason, 99 for 74 years, member of Michigan Chapter
Nancy El Hajj, 99 for 61 years, retired FAA Designated Examiner, member of Spaceport Chapter
Betty Hostler, 99 for 57 years, member of Spaceport Chapter
Ann Conway, 99 for 53 years, Charter member of Spaceport Chapter
Marcia Gitelman, 99 for 51 years, member of Spaceport Chapter.

We asked these ladies to tell us about a memorable flight, why they learned to fly, did they encounter discrimination from the “good old boys”, changes they have seen during their flying years. Their answers are too long to recount here, but you can view pictures and videos of their answers here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u9u5hkzn8e3cc3f/AABEYItxla21jL1qrTIRswlna?dl=0>.

It was great fun listening to this history and seeing how passionate our guests still are about aviation and flying. Their memories of flying 50 – 70 years ago were crystal clear!

Thanks to Sandy for all the great photos and for recording the answers to our questions



December 14: Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast at Merritt Island Airport – LOTS of children will have a Merry Christmas, thanks to the local pilots and their friends.



Yuko Query, Sandy Parks, Bobbi Lasher, Ellie Hoffman, Mary Anne Demmer, and guest, Chris (Zillig) Condon.

January 11: Holiday Party Sandy's House- The food was great, the gift exchange was fun and the friendship was the best!

January 25: Several members presented a STEM program at the Valiant Air Command Museum in Titusville.



February 8: Naiara Petralanda, member of the Daytona Chapter, gave a presentation about the reasons we fly and also about the trip she and her husband planned to fly to the North Pole a few years ago. They didn't make it to the Pole, but nevertheless had a wonderful adventure that Naiara shared with us.

March 2: Mary Anne Demmer and Isabel Garnet held a STEM class at the Melbourne Library. About 8 kids attended. Mary Anne read to them and taught them about the Wright brothers. Isabel helped the kids make their balsa wood planes and even got to talk to a mother who was interested in becoming a pilot!

March 14: Helicopters at Indian River County Sherriff's hangar in Vero beach



Yuko Query, Ellie Hoffman, Karen Brun, Ellie Hoffman, Donna Wilt
Guest, Isla Klassen

April meeting was canceled due to COVID 19.

May 9: The chapter met virtually using Zoom. Eighteen members and guests attended. Donna gave a great presentation about Human Factors in Aviation. The only chapter business was the election of officers for 2020-2021: Ellie Hoffman, Chairman; Karen Brun, Vice Chairman; Sandy Parks, Secretary; Donna Wilt, Treasurer.

Blackwell-Walker Scholarship: Nine ladies applied this year. As always, the judges had a challenge to select our winner. For the first time that I know of, all 3 judges selected the same gal! Our winner is Rachel Cuthrell, a student at Flight Safety.

She is currently working on her Instrument rating and then will use our scholarship for her Commercial rating. Rachel is a member of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the 99s. Congratulations, Rachel!

Reminder: It's time again for payment of Chapter dues. Dues are \$20 per year (June 1 thru May 31). Our treasurer, Donna, is always ready and willing to take your money. You can pay by PayPal from the bottom of the home page of our website, www.spaceport99s.org, give Donna cash at the any meeting, or mail a check to Donna's home. Pay Pal will also allow you to pay using your credit card, even if you do not have a PayPal account.

